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Hello everyone! I hope you all had a nice week. The weather is starting to get colder here in Chicago. With Halloween now past, we are all looking forward to the upcoming holidays. It seems hard to believe that it was summer here not so long ago. Auctions had me pretty busy during the week and next week will be more of the same. I'm looking forward to the San Francisco bourse and seeing some of my customers and of course the New York International where I will be exhibiting for the second year.

*Here is what is happening this week (and bit the week after!):*

**Aureo & Calicó – The Alba Longa Vol. 1 Collection (Nov 7)**

If you are a Roman Republican collector then you absolutely must check out this auction by the Spanish firm (Barcelona) Aureo & Calicó. The 763 lots of Republican coinage are filled to the brim with pedigrees. Many are from the Leo Benz collection and a Sotheby's auction which took place October 27, 1993. For the former, Lanz Munich held an auction on November 23, 1998 which featured 978 coins from the Leo Benz collection. Leo Benz lived from 1906-1996 and was a prolific collector/hobbyist of Republican coinage. While his coins vary in quality they are still cherished and sought after for the simple fact that they were hand selected by Mr. Benz who seemed to be a very interesting man (if you read German and have a chance to see the Lanz catalog there is a nice introduction from his curator as a forward to the sale). I am registered for this auction and will definitely be participating for myself. Please be in touch if you would like auction representation services.

**Dr. Busso Peus Nachf., Auction 23 (Nov 7-9)**

Peus is holding three sessions over 3 days for their 23rd auction. Session one features ancient coins. The catalog begins with a Greek collection with the theme "Athena" and

as it suggests is an array of coins that have some association with the Goddess. Session two begins with a fantastic and truly fascinating array of medals associated with Judaica. One lot in particular, 1512, caught my eye although it is far above my means. This spectacular piece is a schraubtaler (translates literally into screw taler) which basically is a coin that can be opened and has a small story of some sort inside (or a drawing of a loved one). The rather unfortunate end of Joseph Süß Oppenheimer's life is detailed in the 17 attached sheets that fit neatly into the coin. The reverse shows how Oppenheimer (or the derogatory "Jud Süs" which means Jew Süs for which he was harshly renamed) was inhumanely killed and then kept hanging in a cage for six long years! The story of his life actually inspired a 1940 Nazi era film. It is a spectacular piece and the historical value is high. There is much more to offer in this sale so if you would like representation please do get in touch soon as I will be navigating between the Spanish auction and this one so planning a bit is important.

#### **HD Rauch Auction 107, part 1 (Nov 12)**

The Vienna firm Rauch is holding three days of auctions but the first day is devoted to ancient coins. There are 556 pieces being offered. Rauch typically has a nice variety of material with estimates that are attractive to all levels of collectors. I've participated in the past and I intend to do so for this auction as well. Please get in touch if you need my help.

#### **CNG E-Sale 432 (Nov 14)**

For some reason this sale is not yet listed on Sixbid or Numisbids (or if it is I am not seeing it). I wanted to mention it as I was pleased to see that several offerings from the Andrew McCabe collection of Republican coins with some interesting rarities were being offered. Notable among the rarities in silver are a denarius of Quintus Labienus Parthicus (Obv. A/Rev. 3), the rarest variant of the Pompey Pietas series with a mintmark B, a very rare victoriatus of the pentagram series, a rare denarius of M. Aufidius with IVX value mark, an Imperial rarity of Plautius Plancus when supporting Octavian, and the mysterious and very rare Sekhmet type of Scipio and Crassus Junior in Africa. Andrew is very well received in the numismatic community as one of the top experts of Republican coins. To own one of his coins is a real pleasure. I hope that the sale is put up soon but if not at least some of my newsletter readers will get a head start in the bidding!



### Coin of the Week

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### Schraubtaler. Nürnberg, Germany. 1817.

Tin medal with hidden story, 32.43g (48mm, 12h). Depiction of starving family under a tree / Praying farmer in fertile landscape receives from a harvest wreath from girl, above angels. Within the taler are eight connected double-sided colored copper engravings and descriptions, four of which show the year of need (1816) and four the good year (1817), in the inside cover there are two glued, black and white copper engravings: 1816/1817 and a table with a comparison to 1771 in Bavaria.

Price: \$1,500

These fascinating pieces are “coins” that can be separated into two parts and contain something inside whether it be a portrait of a loved one, story or precious item. They were extremely popular, particularly in Germany in the 1700 and 1800’s. The earliest known schraubtaler used coins from from 1486–1525. Many times, the coins used to construct the schraubtaler were from different cities and various dates but most were out of circulation. The artistry and stories encapsulated within the coins are fascinating. For example, this particular piece details the starvation that was took place in Germany in the year 1816. It also compares

the year 1816/1817 to 1771 in Bavaria. This piece was made in Nurnberg, however, the majority of schraubtalers came out of Augsburg. These pieces reflected religious and political issues of the time.

Schraubtalers were given as a present, a commemorative gift for a wedding or baptism, or for distinguished honors. Sometimes they were given to the men and women in arranged marriages with the portrait of their future spouse enclosed. They also used it as packaging for precious items. For example, Queen Maria Theresia gave the bodyguard for her bedroom, half a ducat that she enclosed in a schraubtaler. The most interesting thing about a schraubtaler is undoubtedly the content. The earliest have engravings or oil portraits put straight on the inside of the talers.

**References:** Pressler 439 (on colored plates within). Erlanger 6

**Grade:** In very nice condition with no tears or separations. EF

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at [shanna@shannaschmidt.com](mailto:shanna@shannaschmidt.com)

Until next week!  
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